

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“How to Enjoy Freedom from Guilt”

Order of Worship March 17, 2024 | 10 AM
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Welcome to God's House!

The Mission of Gloria Dei is Caring. Sharing. Serving. Reaching.

We strive to be the local church in the community of Northeast Minneapolis, who are here to help people come to KNOW Jesus, GROW in their faith and GO into the world equipped to SERVE others. GLORY TO GOD!

Today's Topic: Satan may try to use guilty feelings to drive us believers away from God. In our topic today, we'll learn how to enjoy God's freedom in our everyday life.

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any assistance to you, please speak with the Pastor after the service or via the church office. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in each pew. They will be added to the Prayer list. You can hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will be given to the Pastor to be included in the prayers for today. **Other prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office at 612.781.1989.**

Children are welcome in worship!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated.

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. e.

You have heard of Jesus, but do you know him? Join us for Bible Study

- Wednesday, March 20 at 11 am for mid-week service and bible study, followed by fellowship.
- Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 pm bible study featuring "Knowing the Bible – Ephesians."

Everyone is Welcome!

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

AS WE GATHER: False guilt may continue to cling to us even after we've repented; but remember, you were not designed to carry guilt. God, through Christ Jesus has already paid a high price for your freedom.

+ *CONNECT* +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"Breastplate"

Martin McGinn

INVOCATION

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: Let us confess our sins to our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and is ready to forgive.

C: **Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents us taking delight in you. This is our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

SONG OF PRAISE

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Behold, the Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

SONG OF THE DAY

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

Refrain

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Refrain

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922 v. 1, 2, 4

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Go, My children, with My Blessing. Never alone,
Waking, sleeping, I am with you: You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you, And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

+ Silent Prayer +

POSTLUDE

+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +

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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

3/17 Sun

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Happy St. Patrick's Day

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion, Pastor M. Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Class

6:00 pm NA

3/18 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AIAnon (upstairs)

3/19 Tues

9:30 am Annual Kitchen Clean-up

5:00 pm GDLC Council Meeting

3/20 Wed

11:00 am Mid-Week Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship

3/21 Thurs

5:30 pm Thursday Evening Bible Study "Ephesians"

3/22 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

3/23 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

3/24 Sun

Palm Sunday

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion + distribution of Palm Branches, Pastor M. Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Class

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: Jason Matasovsky

Ushers: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Altar Care: Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

Counters: Shirly Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Attendance 3/10/2024: 25



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

March 17

"The Strangest Request"

(Genesis 22:1-14)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

March 24

"Repurposed Joy and Junk"

(Mark 14:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

STEWARDSHIP: *Lent 5* - Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

"God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week's episode is "Holy Land Tour pt. 1" – A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Jonathan Wessel from Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Augusta, WI, presenting a message titled "Are You Listening?" based Mark 10:32-45. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 18th Shirley Holzinger, 21st Bruce Cross, 21st Jim Kautz,
21st Dale Raschke, 23rd Sandy Westling

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley Holzinger

FLOWERS: OPEN

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Aaron Morelli and all our shut-ins

Wade Billmeyer, continued thoughts and prayers as he works through making a decision for surgery on benign brain tumor, received a second surgeon's opinion.

Pastor Jim Gullickson (Sandy Westling's friend) hospitalized after stroke. Paralyzed on left side, feeding tube (unable to swallow food). Prayers for recovery; he will need a lot of PT, OT and Speech Therapy.

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – ongoing treatment after successful surgery for breast cancer

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Karen (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

Kurt Nowacki (Bruce & Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with 'myopathy,' a degenerative muscle disease

Bruce (Wenda Schwoch's BiL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

John (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

Warren (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Ty (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

For First Responders/Health Care Workers, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

NOTE: Those "in our extend prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

Today's "treats" provided by the Social Ministry committee.

Thank you!

Gloria Dei Annual Kitchen Clean-Up

Tuesday, March 19 beginning at 9:30 am – All hands welcome, see you there!

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18.5 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund.

Did you know, in 2023 the March Campaign resulted in \$11,209,763 raised by food shelves; 6,231,974 pounds of food collected; and the 2022 March Campaign results were equally impressive with \$9,818,369 raised by food shelves and 5,442,736 pounds of food collected.

Northeast Community Band Winter Concert - March 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

The Northeast Community Band will perform a **free concert** Thursday, March 21, 7 pm at Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave NE. The band will offer a diverse selection of music, including Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Folk Song Suite" and Leroy Anderson's "The Typewriter."

Easter Bake Sale & Craft Fair

Saturday, March 23, 11 am-6 pm and Sunday, March 24, 8 am-2 pm in Kolbe Center at Holy Cross Church, 1630 4th St. NE. Baked goods, handmade crafts, assorted snacks, edible sugar eggs for sale. Free cookie decorating and crafts for children Saturday 1-3 pm. Sponsored by the Holy Cross Rosary Guild Council of Catholic Women. Everyone is welcome.

Ukrainian Easter Egg ("Pysanky") Festival

St. Michael's & St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church invites the public to attend their annual Ukrainian Easter Egg ("Pysanky") Festival. The event will feature the sale of traditional Ukrainian decorated Easter eggs, Ukrainian Easter breads and baked goods, Ukrainian hand-crafted artwork, a traditional Ukrainian dinner (eat-in or take-out) and homemade "pierogies". Admission is free. **Sunday, March 24, 11 am–2 pm.** St. Michael's & St. George's Church Hall, 505 Fourth Street NE. 612-379-2695.

Gloria Dei Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24 Worship Service, 10 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29 Worship Service, 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31 Joint Worship Service, 11 am with guest Pastor William Utech